

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. - 23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A tieback rod for use in bracing a retaining wall, comprising:

a rod shaft having a first end and a second end; and

~~a portion of said tieback rod being a pultruded composite material.~~

wherein said rod shaft is comprised of composite material and is of unitary construction.

25. (Currently Amended) The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein ~~said tieback rod is of a unitary construction: composite material is fiber reinforced plastic.~~

26. (Canceled)

27. (Original) The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said rod shaft is of a predetermined diameter and said first end is separated from said second end by a predetermined length.

28. (Previously Presented) The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said first end is operable to be secured to a tieback system anchor.

29. (Previously Presented) The tieback rod of claim 24 wherein said second end includes a threaded portion, said threaded portion operable to matingly engage threads of a tieback fastener.

30. (Currently Amended) The tieback rod of claim 29 wherein said thread threaded portion of said second end and said tieback fastener are contained within a channel of a retaining wall support member when said tieback fastener is matingly engaged with said threaded portion of said second end, wherein said retaining wall support member includes one of a cap channel and a wale.

31. (Canceled).

32. (New) A tieback rod for use in bracing a retaining wall, comprising:
a rod shaft having a first end and a second end having a threaded portion; and
wherein said rod shaft is of unitary construction and constructed of fiber reinforced plastic composite material.

33. (New) The tieback rod of claim 32 wherein said rod shaft is formed using a pultrusion process.

34. (New) A tieback rod for use in bracing a retaining wall, comprising:
a rod shaft having a first end and a second end; and
a portion of said tieback rod being fiber-reinforced plastic composite material.

35. (New) The tieback rod of claim 34 wherein said fiber reinforced plastic composite material is a pultruded composite material formed using a pultrusion process.

36. (New) The tieback rod of claim 34 wherein said rod shaft further comprises a metallic material encased within said fiber-reinforced plastic composite material.

37. (New) The tieback rod of claim 36 wherein said metallic material is one of galvanized steel and stainless steel.

38. (New) The tieback rod of claim 34 wherein said first end is operable to be secured to a tieback system anchor.

39. (New) The tieback rod of claim 34 wherein said second end includes a threaded portion, said threaded portion operable to matingly engage threads of a tieback fastener.

40. (New) The tieback rod of claim 34 wherein said thread portion of said second end and said tieback fastener are contained within a channel of a retaining wall support member when said tieback fastener is matingly engaged with said threaded portion of said second end, wherein said retaining wall support member includes one of a cap channel and a wale.